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Separate Maintenance Allowance

The Department recognizes that some family separations are probable in the Foreign Service and realizes that employees should not be called on to bear the expenses both of a household and temporary lodging for a prolonged separation because of conditions at a post or for the convenience of the Government.

Therefore, the time required to become eligible for a separate maintenance allowance is being reduced from 90 to 30 days in the following circumstances:

- (a) When the wife of an employee must depart a post because of a lack of adequate prenatal or postnatal care; or
- (b) When the dependents of an employee are detained while awaiting medical clearances.

All cases must be approved by the Office of Medical Services (O/MED).

Section 315.6-3a(2) and Exhibit 315.6-3a are amended to effect the changes announced in Management Reform Bulletin No. 6, "Perquisites," of February 10, 1971, regarding separate maintenance allowance (Program Action items Nos. 278 and 279).

Filing Instructions

Remove pages 315.5-3 through 316 (4 pages) and insert attached pages 315.5-3 through 316 (4 pages).

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(See also section 315.4.)

a. Review of Application

Before granting a separate maintenance allowance, the appropriate authorizing officer in State, A. I. D., and USIA (see section 315.1-3):

(1) Determination of Eligibility

Reviews the application submitted in accordance with section 315.4-1 to assure that it meets the conditions or situations outlined in section 262 of the Standardized Regulations (GC, FA) and that, if based on health factors, it is accompanied by a statement from the attending physician (section 262.2, Standardized Regulations).

(2) Notably Unhealthful or Excessively Adverse Conditions at Post

Where the application is based on section 262. 1b of the Standardized Regulations (GC, FA) or appears to meet circumstances outlined in section 262.1c(2), Standardized Regulations (GC, FA), obtains an opinion from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Medical Services (O/MED), or his designee:

- (a) That conditions at the employee's post are unhealthful to a degree that the dependent should not accompany the employee to, or remain at, the post (section 262.1b); or, when applicable,
- (b) That medical and hospital facilities at the post are inadequate to care for the dependent's physical condition (section 262.1c(2)). See Exhibit 315.6-3a.
- **(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Standardized Regulations (GC, FA) or of 3 FAM 300, no separate maintenance allowance grant shall be made under exceptions 1 and 2 of section 262.32 of the Standardized Regulations unless the requisite medical determinations have been obtained from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Medical Services (O/MED), or his designee.

A separate maintenance allowance is granted, in an original and two copies, on SF-1190.

c. Distribution of SF-1190

Original to employee's fiscal-servicing post for obligation and payment.

315.6-4 Special Allowances

Special allowances are granted, revised, or terminated by individual authorizations. (See section 315.1-3(d).)

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